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- 1. All information indicates that the following Soviet troop units in the great Hungarian plain area are organizationally subordinate to the Soviet divisional command at Bugac-Puszta, near Kecskemét.
- 2. Cegléd. A new barracks has been built on Türteli-utca. The headquarters and staff of a Soviet artillery regiment are located here, also a motorized artillery abtailing of three batteries, each having four 152 mm.guns. The enlisted strength is about 450-480 men. The auto park consists of three-ton Zis vehicles. The armored and infantry barracks have been evacuated by the Russians and turned over to the Hungarian Army.
- Tortel. At this place, 10 kilometers southeast of Cegléd, there is a Soviet artillery abteilung of about 500 men. The armament is mixed, consisting of 122 mm howitzers and 76.2 mm long barreled guns. The number of guns is not known. The unit has about 30 trucks.
- 4. Jászkarajenő. A Soviet artillery abteilung is stationed at this village, 24 km. southeast of Cegléd. The guns are mixed: 122 mm. howitzers and 76.2 mm, long guns. The auto park has 20 to 22 trucks.
- 5. Ceglédhercel. This place is 12 km, northwest of Cegléd. An abteilung of the artillery regiment of Cegléd is stationed here. No details are known.
- 6. Wagykurs. The assault gun abteilung of the Soviet division of Kecskemet is stationed at this town, 13 km, north of Kecskemet. It is quartered in new barracks near the Nagykörös-Kecskemét Highway, on the southern edge of the town. The enlisted strength is about 450 men. The abteilung has twenty 152 mm.and eight 122 mm, guns. The unit has four and six-wheeled Opel and Zis trucks.

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- 7. Ujkécske. This village is near the river Tisza, 26 km east of Kecskemét. The rocket projector (Stalinorgel) abteilung of the Kecskemét division is here. It is of battalion strength and is quartered in the former "Green Cross" (Zöld Kereszt) building. The abteilung has three companies, but they are not all at this place. The companies have nine M-13 projectors each, mounted on six-wheeled five-ton trucks. The searchlights are in a line. The strength is 420-430 men. The unit has 55-58 trucks.
- 8. Ujbog. Part of the rocket projector abteilung mentioned above is located at this place, three km north of Ujkécske. It is quartered around at the various farms.
- 9. Okécske. This village is three km. west of Ujkécske. A small part of the rocket projector abteilung is here, dispersed among the farmhouses.
- 10. Kiskoszeg. This place is south of Baja, at a point where the Danube crossed most easily by means of a bridge. Here there is a Soviet pioneer battalion which was formerly at Kalocsa, and afterwards at the village of Szentbenedek. These troops have built several bridges over the Danube between Gerjen and Baja. Hungarian pontoon troops and pioneers were also employed on these works so they might learn to work with the Russians. On these occasions the Hungarians, for the first time, and with Russian help, have constructed underwater bridges of large size. This unit has an auto park of 3.5-ton Opel and three-ton Zis trucks.
- 11. Izsak. This place is 28 km, northwest of Kecskemet. The headquarters and staff of a Soviet infantry regiment are located here in the former Levente home. All the immediately attached units and one infantry battalion of the regiment are also here. Their total strength is about 1,200 men. There is an unknown number of horse-drawn 45 mm.antitank guns, and medium and heavy mortars.
- 12. Orgavany. This village is 18 km southwest of Kecskemet. The companies and plateons of a battalion of the infantry regiment of Izsak are distributed here and at the surrounding farms.
- 13. Pahi. This place is 30 km southwest of Kecskemet. A battalion of the Izsak infantry regiment is stationed here. The troops are partly quartered by companies and platoons at the surrounding farms, but are brought together for training exercises at Pahi.
- 14. Filipszállás. This village is 37 km southwest of Kecskemét. A Soviet infantry battalion of 450-500 men is stationed in the village and at farms along the Riskoros-Budapest railway line.
- 15. Szabadszallás. This village is 36 km. west of Kecskemet. Soviet infantry battalion of about 400 men is stationed here.
- 16. Lajosmizse. This place is 17 km northwest of Kecskemét. It is the station of a Soviet motorized infantry battalion of about 600 men.
- 17. Kerekegyháza. This village is 14 km. west of Kecskemét. Part of a Soviet infantry battalion is stationed here. Strength, 260-280 men.
- 18. Cibakháza. This place is near the river Tisza, 30 km. northeast of Kecskemét. The headquarters, staff and immediately attached units of a Soviet infantry regiment are stationed here. The regiment has a total strength of 2,500 to 2,800 men. It has three battalions of about 600 men each. The battalions are stationed at the three following villages: Ocsöd, near the river Körös, 18 km. east of Tiszainoka; Tiszaföldvár, 41 km. northeast of Kecskemét, near the river Tisza; Tiszainoka, on the Tisza, 27 km. east of Kecskemét.

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